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1. This communication is responsive to 4/13/04.				
2. ☑ The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>6 and 7</u> .				
3. 🔀 The drawings filed on <u>13 April 2004</u> are accepted by the Examiner.				
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 Attachment(s) 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0 Paper No./Mail Date	6. ⊠ Interview Summary Paper No./Mail Da 08), 7. ⊠ Examiner's Amendr	te <u>11/24/04</u> .		

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with William H. McNeill on November 24, 2004. William H. McNeill has elected apparatus claims for examination without traverse. The non-elected claims would be canceled if the elected claims are in allowable condition.

The application has been amended as follows:

- * Please cancel claims 1-5.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 6-7 are allowed.

The prior art of record fails to teach an electrical connector having a cup-shaped insulator with a plurality of pockets located in an interior and exterior wall which respectively receiving contact beams and retention beams of the annular electrical contact. The prior art further fails to teach an electrical insulating over-molded body completely covering the exterior wall.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Election/Restrictions

3. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a method of making an electrical connector, classified in

class 29.

II. Claims 6-7, drawn to a cup-shaped electrical connector, classified in class 439,

subclass 855.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

4. Inventions I and II are related as process of making and product made. The inventions

are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be

used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be

made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case the

process as claimed can be make another type of electrical connector, such as battery post type

connector.

5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a

separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination

purposes as indicated is proper.

6. During a telephone conversation with William H. McNeill on November 24, 2004 a

provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of group II, claims 6-7.

Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims

1-5 withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a

non-elected invention.

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7. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Truc T. T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-2011. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800 extension 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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